THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

WRIT PETITION No. 8379 of 1996

DATED: 5-12-2006

Between:

K.Nagalakshmamma.

…Petitioner

and

Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswavidyalayam,
Represented by its Registrar,
Tirupathi, Chittoor Dist.

…Respondent.

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Oral order:

This writ petition is filed assailing the notification dated 9-3-1996 issued by the respondent-University calling for applications from qualified candidates for certain specified posts. The petitioner's grievance is in respect of recruitment to the post of Reader in the discipline of Sericulture in Group-II-Science. The post of Reader (Sericulture) is advertised as reserved for Scheduled Castes.

The petitioner is working as a Lecturer in Sericulture in the respondent-University since 19-2-1987. As on the date of the writ petition, her qualifications are M.Sc. (Ag.) in Sericulture from the University of Agriculture Science, Bangalore and a Post Graduate Diploma in Sericulture from the respondent-University. The petitioner contends that in the faculty of Sericulture she is the only candidate with a Master's Degree in Sericulture as the main subject and that the other two Lecturers were not having a degree in Sericulture but are holders of Master's Degree in other subjects, such as, Zoology and Botany and therefore, she alone is eligible to be appointed as Reader.

A counter-affidavit has been filed on behalf of the University, by the Registrar. To the extent relevant and material, the counter-affidavit asserts that Ph.D is the minimum qualification and an essential pre-requisite for the appointment to the post of Reader; that the instructions to the candidates appended to the application also makes it clear that a Master's Degree in the relevant subject with a minimum of 55%

marks and Ph.D Degree in the relevant subject (apart from eight years of teaching experience of which five years should be in the cadre of Assistant Professors/Lecturer and three years of P.G. Teaching experience in a recognized college/University) are was essential qualifications for consideration for appointment to the post of Reader. As the petitioner admittedly does not have a doctoral qualification, she is not qualified is the gravamen of the counter-affidavit. The counter-affidavit states that group wise reservation was followed, the Departments/Subjects within the group were arranged in the alphabetical order for the purpose of roster points and the vacancies notified Department-wise/Subject-wise and that in the distribution of backlog/future vacancies, the principle of un-represented and under-represented subjects/departments was taken into consideration in identifying the posts in the disciplines to which reservations were notified. It is also stated in the counter-affidavit that the reservation is made following the orders in G.O.Ms.No.420 Education (UE-I-1) Department, dated 18-11-1995.

The assertions in the counter-affidavit have not been rebutted by the petitioner.

In the circumstances, as the petitioner does not have the essential doctoral qualification, she does not have the locus to assail the recruitment notification issued by the respondent-University for the post of Reader in Sericulture.

The writ petition is devoid of merits and is accordingly dismissed. No order as to costs.

GODA RAGHURAM, J.

5th December, 2006.
GRR